

# Naloxone Outreach Program In A Family Medicine Residency Clinic

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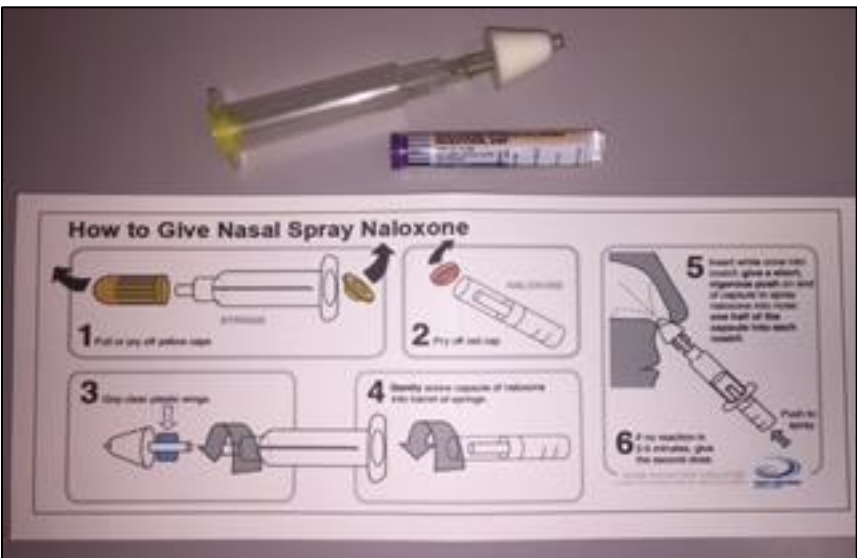
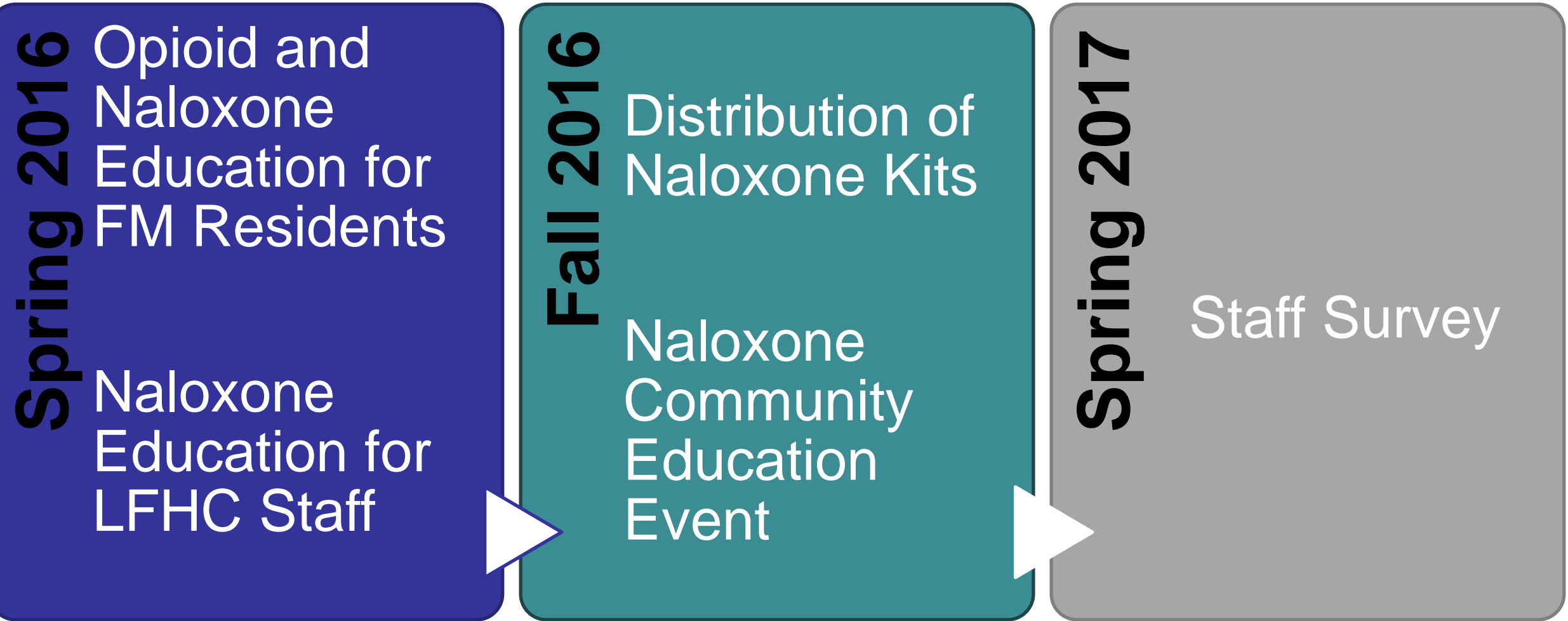
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## BACKGROUND

- McKeesport: old steel town outside of Pittsburgh, PA. According to the 2013 U.S. Census Bureau, 30% of the population live below the poverty level
- Barriers to naloxone access in the McKeesport area
  - Transportation
  - Cost
  - Stigma
  - Pharmacy availability despite standing order in PA
- Awarded \$5,000 grant through the McKeesport Hospital Foundation to provide naloxone education and distribution to FM Residency Program and the community
- Our focus is on the education of naloxone as well as perception and attitudes of naloxone at our health center

## METHODS

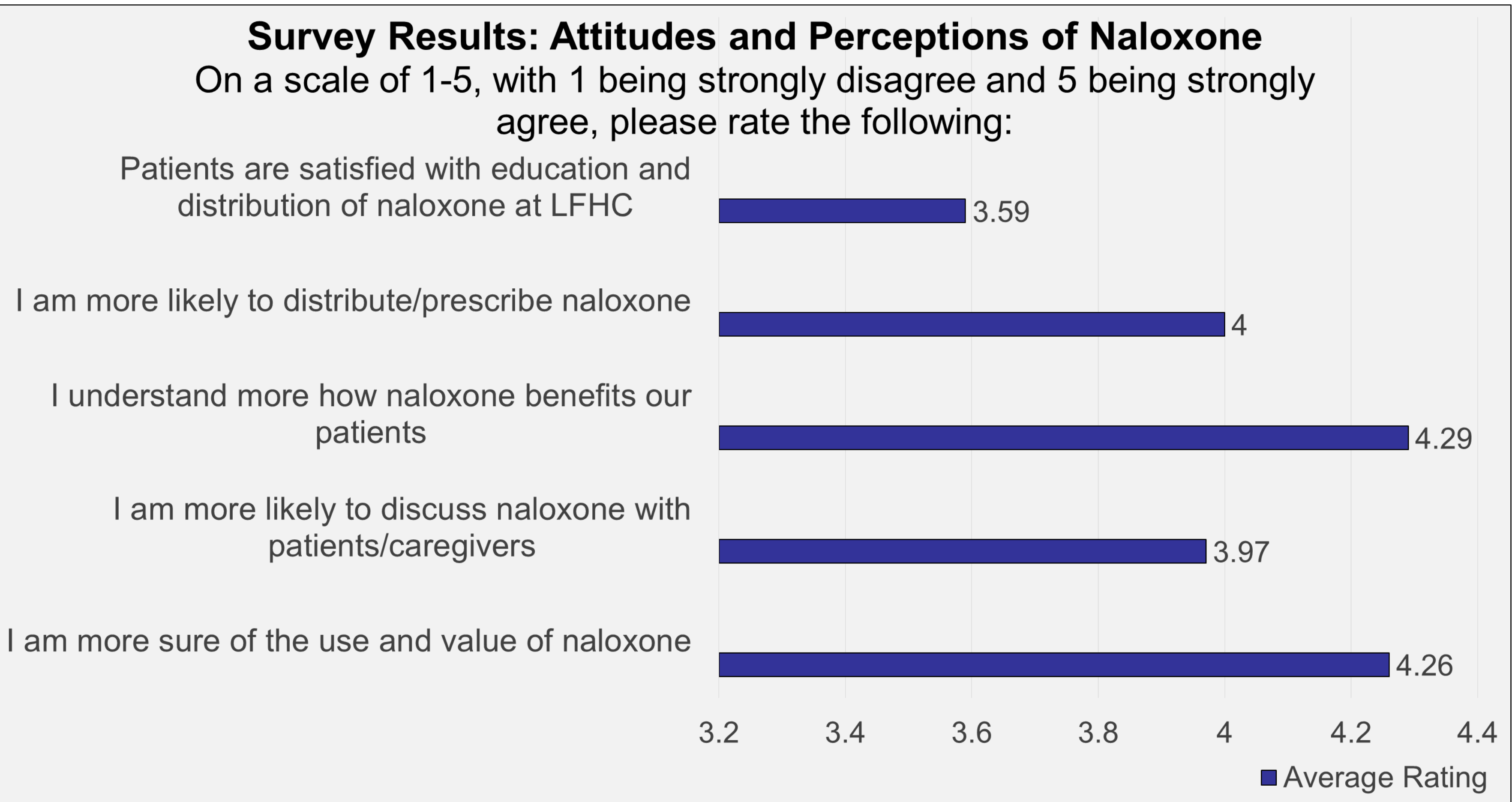
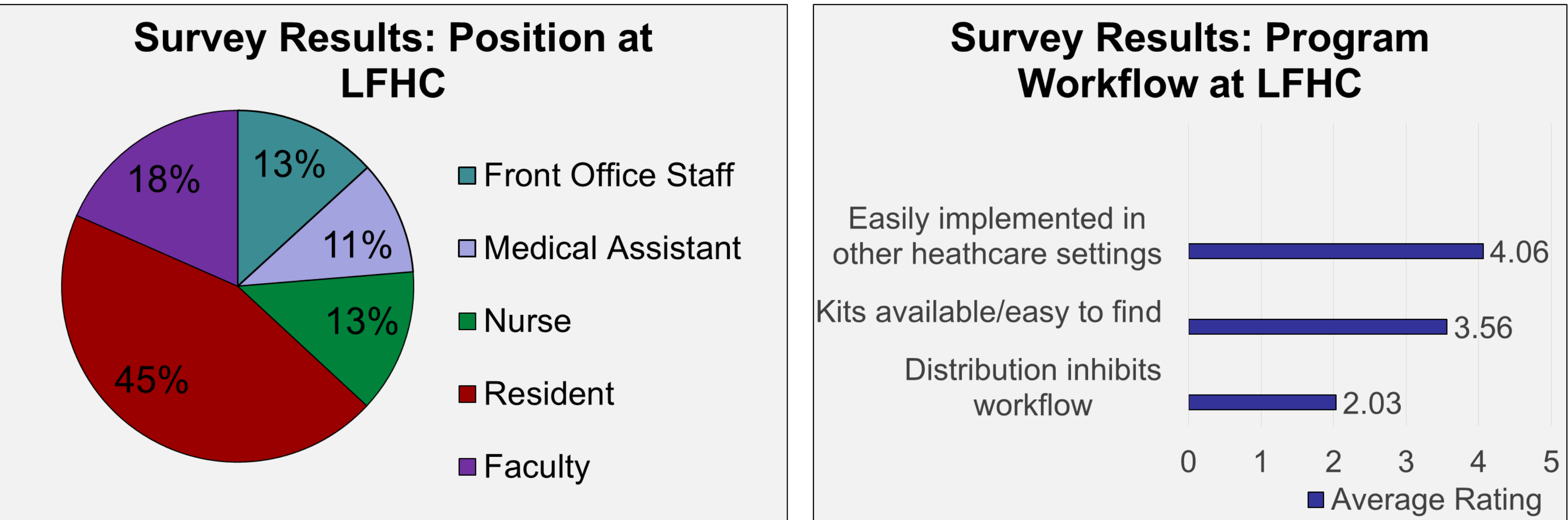
### Naloxone Program Timeline



Intranasal naloxone purchased and distributed (1 device per request)

## RESULTS

- Naloxone Community Education Event: lower than anticipated turnout
- Number of naloxone kits dispensed to date: 40
- Survey Results: 38 responses (73%)



## RESULTS, continued

### Selected Survey Responses

*“Overall, I think this is a benefit to both patients and providers. I believe the program works to normalize addiction, which allows us to further empathize and relate to the patients we serve.”*

*“I feel giving naloxone to patients gives them a sense that they have a ‘get out of jail for free card’ or a ‘golden candy bar’ and mentally they wonder if there is a bigger and better high than they currently get. So having the med on hand, they have the sense that they can push it a little farther and use a little more. Maybe after the suboxone clinic is in place there would be a benefit to the patients during their transition after rehab and clean time.”*

*“The heroin epidemic is unfortunately very prevalent in this community. By having naloxone available to distribute, it helps me feel more empowered as a provider that I’m contributing in some small way to help save lives ....”*

## DISCUSSION

### Limitations

- LFHC staff turnover and lack of re-education
- Mucosal Atomizer Device (MAD) recall in February 2017 limited kit availability and distribution

### Future Directions

- Re-education of staff/resource folder
- Relocation of kits and more education provided with kits

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